

FIFTY-EIGHTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
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TOWN OF PEABODY  
1892

AT a legal meeting of the inhabitants  
of the Town of Peabody, qualified  
to vote in Town affairs, held March 6th, 1892,  
it was

Voted—That the Town allow the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, in the future, to make their annual report in print.

A true copy of record,

Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.

# ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES. 1909-1910.

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EDWARD P. BARRETT,	PRESIDENT
GEORGE A. WHITNEY,	SECRETARY
JOSEPH J. THORNDIKE,	TREASURER

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

EDWARD P. BARRETT, *ex-officio*.  
LEANDER E. JOY, FRED W. BUSHBY,  
GEO. A. WHITNEY, JAMES C. LINEHAN,  
HARRY F. WHIDDEN.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE.

F. H. SANGER, HARRY F. WHIDDEN,  
J. J. GALLAGHER.

## PEABODY BURIAL LOT COMMITTEE.

A. W. SIM, P. O. BUSHBY,  
JOHN F. CARBREY.

## TRUSTEES.

EDWARD P. BARRETT,	Term expires 1910
GEORGE A. WHITNEY,	" 1910
A. W. SIM,	" 1911
JAMES C. LINEHAN,	" 1911
JOSEPH J. THORNDIKE,	" 1912
HARRY F. WHIDDEN,	" 1912
FRED W. BUSHBY,	" 1913
LEANDER E. JOY,	" 1913
J. J. GALLAGHER,	" 1914
F. H. SANGER,	" 1914
PHILIP O. BUSHBY,	" 1915
JOHN F. CARBREY,	" 1915

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JOHN D. McKEEN, JANITOR.



**ORGANIZATION OF  
THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.  
1909-1910.**

J. W. HUDSON,	CHAIRMAN
P. H. O'CONOR,	SECRETARY
THOMAS CARROLL,	W. H. HILL,
G. R. UNDERWOOD,	S. C. LORD,
R. B. MACKINTOSH,	FRANK TAYLOR,
F. H. SANGER,	R. G. WARD,
D. F. BRESNAHAN,	C. H. SYMONDS.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

**PEABODY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

THOMAS CARROLL,	J. W. HUDSON,
W. H. HILL,	P. H. O'CONOR,
FRANK TAYLOR,	S. C. LORD.
R. B. MACKINTOSH,	C. H. SYMONDS,
G. R. UNDERWOOD.	

**EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

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J. W. HUDSON,	THOMAS CARROLL,
D. F. BRESNAHAN,	G. R. UNDERWOOD,
R. G. WARD.	

**LYCEUM COMMITTEE.**

R. G. WARD,	C. H. SYMONDS,
R. B. MACKINTOSH,	D. F. BRESNAHAN,
F. H. SANGER.	

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

THOMAS CARROLL.	P. H. O'CONOR,
R. G. WARD,	FRANK TAYLOR.

**READING ROOM COMMITTEE.**

FRANK TAYLOR,	G. R. UNDERWOOD
W. H. HILL,	R. G. WARD,
S. C. LORD.	

LYMAN P. OSBORN, LIBRARIAN.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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The Fifty-eighth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, for the year ending January 31st, 1910, is respectfully submitted.

The various reports of the committees and of the librarians which follow show the conscientious work done for the year.

The Trustees feel that the modern system of accounting adopted several years ago will successfully meet any criticism while the periodical and thorough examinations of the securities by the Finance Committee, as provided in the by-laws, is in accordance with the best practice of financial institutions.

The heating plant installed last year continues to prove in every way satisfactory, and to justify the wisdom of the change.

EDWARD P. BARRETT, President,

For the Trustees.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:—

*Gentlemen:*

As Treasurer I herewith submit my report for the year ending January 31, 1910. With the exception of the 5000 28th and 29th Streets Crosstown bonds noted in last years report, all our securities have paid their interest and dividends when due.

For the last three years the expenditures for the High School Medal Fund have exceeded the receipts by about thirty dollars per year; and therefore it seems advisable to omit the customary gift of books for a few years at least.

JOSEPH J. THORNDIKE.



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## TRUSTEES PEABODY INSTITUTE.

### GENERAL FUND CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance,	\$1,079 32	General Repairs,	\$ 414 01
Interest and Dividends,	4,922 33	Insurance,	2215 10
Rents,	900 50	Gas, Elec. Light & Water,	343 95
Investment,	1,037 50	Coal,	304 04
		Salaries,	1,136 00
		Lyceum and Lib. Com.,	3,000 00
		Sundries,	115 10
		Interest Prepayments,	1 39
		Investment,	995 00
		Balance,	1,415 06
	<u>\$7,939 65</u>		<u>\$7,939 65</u>

### RESERVE FUND CASH ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS.	
Balance,	\$1,950 66	General Repairs,	\$ 744 18
Interest and Dividends,	2,463 80	Lyceum and Lib. Com.,	350 00
Rents,	150 00	Sundries,	7 20
Investment,	2,033 75	Interest Prepayments,	64 31
		Premium,	30 00
		Investment,	4,042 66
		Balance,	1,359 86
	<u>\$6,598 21</u>		<u>\$6,598 21</u>

### HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS	
Interest and Dividends,	\$ 113 30	Balance,	\$ 62 15
Balance,	183 37	Medals,	185 55
		Books,	35 67
		Investment,	13 30
	<u>\$296 67</u>		<u>\$296 67</u>

### BURIAL LOT FUND CASH ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance,	\$89 85	Harmony Grove,	\$ 7 00
Interest and Dividends,	43 28	Repairs,	5 00
		Care of Lot,	12 00
		Investment,	3 28
		Balance,	105 85
	<u>\$133 13</u>		<u>\$133 13</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY,  
GENERAL FUND CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance,	\$ 533 60	Sutton Library Com.,	\$ 700 00
Interest and Dividends,	1,090 00	Repairs,	152 58
Balance,	259 95	Interest Prepayments,	20 97
		Premium,	10 00
		Investment,	1,000 00
	<u>\$1,883 55</u>		<u>\$1,883 55</u>

## EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance,	\$ 599 21	Interest Prepayments,	\$20 97
Interest and Dividends,	347 51	Premium,	10 00
Investment,	996 25	Investment,	1,126 26
		Balance,	785 74
	<u>\$1,942 97</u>		<u>\$1,942 97</u>

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY LIGHT AND FUEL  
FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Interest and Dividends,	\$175 00	Institute General Fund,	\$175 00
	<u>\$175 00</u>		<u>\$175 00</u>

## LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

## PEABODY LIBRARY CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance brought forward,	\$236 68	Salaries,	\$1,667 30
Received from Gen. Fund,	3,000 00	Books,	799 27
Rec'd from Reserve Fund,	350 00	Magazines,	219 39
Rec'd from Int. on Deposit,	15 10	Binding,	289 07
Received from Fines,	119 71	Printing,	61 50
Two books paid for,	1 25	Supplies and Incidentals,	250 06
		Lectures,	231 75
		Balance,	204 40
	<u>\$3,722 74</u>		<u>\$3,722 74</u>

## SUTTON LIBRARY CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance brought forward	\$1,003 48	Salaries,	\$ 388 49
Rec'd of Sutton Gen. Fund,	700 00	Books,	243 69
		Binding,	51 55
		Supplies and Incidentals,	16 60
		Balance,	1,003 15
	<u>\$1,703 48</u>		<u>\$1,703 48</u>

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## GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910.

Cash Account,	\$ 1,415 06	Principal Account,	\$118,684 53
Real Estate Account,	10,500 00	Income Account,	1,240 03
Securities Account,	107,895 00	Profit & Loss Account	37 50
Premium Account,	152 00		
	<u>\$119,962 06</u>		<u>\$119,962 06</u>

## RESERVE FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910.

Cash Account,	\$1,359 86	Principal Account,	\$55,447 10
Real Estate Account,	4,500 00	Income Account,	4,643 78
Securities Account,	53,552 50	Profit & Loss Account,	550 00
Dep. Salem Savings Bank,	546 43		
Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.,	682 09		
	<u>\$60,640 88</u>		<u>\$60,640 88</u>

## SUTTON GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910.

Investment Account,	\$27,030 00	Principal Account,	\$26,000 00
		Income Account,	770 05
		Cash Account,	259 95
	<u>\$27,030 00</u>		<u>\$27,030 00</u>

## SUTTON LIGHT AND FUEL FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910

Investment Account,	\$5,000 00	Principal Account,	\$5,000 00
	<u>\$5,000 00</u>		<u>\$5,000 00</u>

## SUTTON BUILDING FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910.

Cash Account,	\$785 74	Principal Account,	\$8,463 30
Investment Account,	6,000 00	Income Account,	1,298 28
Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.,	3,252 09	Profit and Loss Account,	276 25
	<u>\$10,037 83</u>		<u>\$10,037 83</u>

## HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910.

Investment Account	\$2,000 00	Principal Account,	\$2,000 00
Premium Account,	47 50	Income Account,	207 00
Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.,	342 87	Cash Account,	183 37
	<u>\$2,390 37</u>		<u>\$2,390 37</u>

## BURIAL LOT FUND BALANCE SHEET, JAN. 31, 1910.

Cash Account,	\$105 85	Principal Account,	\$1,000 00
Investment Account,	1,000 00	Income Account	190 69
Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.,	84 84		
	<u>\$1,190 69</u>		<u>\$1,190 69</u>



REAL ESTATE AND INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE  
GENERAL CURRENT FUND ACCOUNT.

## BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

1000	Balt. & Ohio R. R.	1st Mtg.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Bonds	\$1000
5000	" " " " Pitts.Jet.&MD	" "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
500	" " " "	" "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	500
2000	Buffalo & Susquehanna R. R.	" " & Coll	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2000
1000	Cent. Indiana R. R.	" " Gold	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	1000
1000	" Pacific Railway Co.,	" " "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	910
5000	Lehigh & New York R. R.	" " "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
5000	N.Y. Cent.&Hudson River R.R.Deb.	" " "	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
5000	Northern Pac.-Gt. North. R.R	Coll. Tr.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
5000	Western Union Tel. Co.	Fund'g.&RE	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000

## BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL.

2000	Amer. Cotton Oil Co.	Gold Deb.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Bonds	2000
4000	" Tel. & Tel. Co.	Coll.Tr.Gold	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	4000
3000	Ann Arbor R. R.	1st Mtg.	" 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	3000
3000	Buffalo Railway	Cons.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	3000
2000	Cent. Union Tel. Co.	1st Mtg. Gold	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2000
10000	Edison Elec. Illum.CoofBrookl.	" Cons.	" 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	10000
3000	Elmire, Cortland & North.R.R.	" Mtg.	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	3000
1000	Illinois Steel Co.	Non Convert.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	1000
5000	Ind. Col.&East. Traction Co.	Gen.RefGold	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
2000	Michigan Cent. R. R. Co.	Three Year	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	G. N.	1980
4000	N. E. Tel & Tel. Co.	Deb.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Bonds	4000
2000	N.Y. & Penn. Tel.&Tel. Co.	Gen. Mtg G.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2000
1000	Ohio River R. R.	" " "	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	1000
1000	Pitts., Shenango&L. Erie R. R.	1st. " "	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	1000
2000	Rio Grand Western R. R.	" C.&Col.TG	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2000
2000	Schenectady Railway	" Mtg. Gold	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2000
5000	South Omaha School District	"	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
2000	Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo	1st Mtg. Gold	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2000
2000	28th & 29th Sts. Crosstown Ry.	" " "	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	2060
1000	Twin City Telephone Co.	" " "	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	1000
5000	Western Tel. & Tel. Co.	Coll. Tr.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000

## BONDS NOT REGISTERED.

1000	Conn. & Passumpsic R. R.	1st Mtg.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	1000
4000	Ill. Cent. R. R., Louisville Div.	" " Gold	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	4000
5000	Ill. Cent. R. R., St. Louis Div.	" " "	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	5000
1000	Pacific Tel & Tel. Co.	" " & C.Tr.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	"	995
	West End Street Railway		50 Shares		4150
	Warren National Bank		3 "		300
	Wallis House				6500
	Merrill House				4000

\$11839.

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## REAL ESTATE AND INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT.

BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.					
1000	Boston & Maine R. R.	Plain	4 1/2 %	Bonds	\$1000 00
2000	Central Indiana R. R.	1st. Mtg. G.	4 1/2 %	"	2000 00
3000	Central Pacific R. R. Co.	" " "	4 1/2 %	"	2730 00
3000	Chicago Railways	" " "	5 %	"	3000 00
2000	Maine Cent. Railroad	" " Gold	7 %	"	2000 00
5000	" " " Co.	" Cons.M.G.	4 %	"	4950 00
2000	L. Shore & Mich. Southern	Deb.	4 %	"	1852 50
1000	Northern Pac.-Gt. Northern	Coll. Tr.	4 %	"	1000 00

BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL.					
1000	Amer. Tel & Tel. Co.	Col. Tr. Gold	4 %	Bonds	1000 00
2000	Atlantic Coast Line	" "	4 %	"	2000 00
1000	Central Vermont R. R.	1st. Mtg. G.	4 %	"	1000 00
1000	Chic. & West Mich. R. R.	" " "	5 %	"	1000 00
2000	Cin., Hamilton & Dayton RR	Gen. " "	5 %	"	2000 00
2000	Cleve.Cin.Chi.&St.LouisRR.	Gold 4 Year	5 %	Notes	1965 00
5000	Globe Street Railway	1st Mtg. Gold	5 %	Bonds	5000 00
2000	N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Deb.	5 %	"	2000 00
5000	Penn. & Northwestern R. R.	Gen. Mtg.	5 %	"	5000 00
3000	Schenectady Railway	1st Mtg. Gold	4 1/2 %	"	3000 00
2000	28th&29th Sts. CrosstownRy	" " "	5 %	"	2060 00
2000	Twin City Tel. Co.	" " "	5 %	"	2000 00
1000	Western Tel. & Tel. Co.	Coll. Tr.	5 %	"	1000 00

BONDS NOT REGISTERED.					
1000	Ill Cent.R.R.LouisvilleDiv.	1st Mtg. Gold	3 1/2 %	Bonds	1000 00
1000	Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	" " & ColTr.	5 %	"	995 00
3000	City of Saginaw	" " "	4 %	"	3000 00
1000	United Gas & Electric Co.	" " "	5 %	"	1000 00
	Dep. in Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.				682 09
	" " Salem Savings Bank				546 43
	Hammond House				2000 00
	Harris Lot (Vacant land)				2500 00

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## INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.					
5000	City of Boston		3 1/2 %	Bonds	\$5000 00
5000	Central Indiana R. R.	1st Mtg. Gold	4 %	"	5000 00
1000	Chicago Railways Co.	" " "	5 %	"	1000 00
5000	Louisv.&Nashv.Southern-Monon Joint	" " "	4 %	"	5000 00

BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL					
1000	Atlantic Coast Line	Coll.	4 %	Bonds	1000 00
5000	Ohio River R. R.	Gen. Mtg.	5 %	"	5000 00
4000	Pitts. Shenango & L. Erie	1st. Mtg. Gold	5 %	"	4000 00
1000	28th&29th Sts. CrosstownRy.	" " "	5 %	"	1030 00

\$27030 00



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 INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE EBEN DALE SUTTON  
REFERENCE LIBRARY BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT.

## BONDS REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

5000	City of Boston	3½% Bonds	\$5000 00
1000	Chicago Railways Co.	1st MtgGold 5 %	1000 00
	Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bank		3252 09
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			\$9252 09

 INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE EBEN DALE SUTTON  
REFERENCE LIBRARY LIGHT AND FUEL FUND ACCOUNT

## BOND REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

5000	City of Boston	3½% Bond	\$5000 00
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			\$5000 00

 INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL  
FUND ACCOUNT

## BOND REGISTERED AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

2000	U. S. Steel Co. Col.Tr.Sink'g	2nd MtgGold 5 % Bond	\$2000 00
	Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.		342 87
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			\$2342 87

 INVESTED FUNDS BELONGING TO THE BURIAL LOT FUND  
ACCOUNT.

## BOND NOT REGISTERED.

1000	Chi.Burl.& Quincy Neb.Exten.	4 % Bonds	\$1000 00
	Dep. Warren 5c. Sav. Bk.		84 84
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			\$1084 84

We have this day examined the books, accounts and securities of Joseph J. Thorndike, Treasurer of the Peabody Institute in Peabody, Mass., and find the books and accounts to be correct, and the securities to be intact.

EDWARD P. BARRETT, *Chairman.*  
JAMES C. LINEHAN,  
FRED W. BUSHBY.

Finance Committee.

January 31, 1910.

I have audited the above accounts and find them correct.

G. E. BARRETT,  
Town Auditor.



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INSURANCE.

Institute Building	\$64000 00
"    Boiler	5000 00
Books in Peabody Library	20000 00
Portraits, Piano, etc.	1850 00
Books in Sutton Library	9000 00
Fixtures in Sutton Library	5000 00
Wallis House	4000 00
Hammond House	1000 00
Merrill House	2000 00

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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### LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

*Gentlemen;*—I transmit herewith the reports of the Librarian, and sub-committees of the Lyceum and Library Committees. They represent in full the work of the Institute for the year ending Jan. 31, 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HUDSON,

Chairman Lyceum and Library Committee.

PEABODY, Jan. 31, 1910.

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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PEABODY LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1910.

The question of supplying the demands of a growing library in the purchase of books which will be beneficial and popular, is one of increasing importance. For this reason, it may not be out of place to give this subject some consideration in the report herewith presented. The character of the books most sought for depends much upon environment, and the manner in which opportunity for reading has been enjoyed and taste developed. In such cases it seems wise not to make the standard too rigid, but to give what is innocent and wholesome even though not the most intellectual. The time will come when better things will be appreciated.

Most public libraries have a large fund annually donated for the purchase of books. If the call for fiction is insistent, as in places where a large part of the community, through weariness or lack of time demand the romantic and amusing, the shelves will eventually become laden with a mass of ephemeral, trivial books soon forgotten and of no use even for reference. In this connection, however, it may be said in passing, that these books have done their part in keeping their readers from the sensational and the harmful, and the librarian or purchasing committee is fully justified in pursuing a policy in accord with these conditions. As a rule the public libraries in such towns or cities have a large income and can afford to be liberal in their purchases. There are others, our own for instance, whose monthly expenditures is to be reckoned with care. The thought naturally arises:—if a limited income be the means of greater care in choosing the accessions, the condition is not without its compensation.

Another phase of the question, fully as important as the first, is in dealing with books which are off color. Public libraries should, and doubtless do, constitute the bulwark of morality and decency against such publications, but they do creep in occasionally, however closely watched. It would seem that a librarian's exchange where certain books might be blacklisted, would be of great help in the work of elimination. There is a popular fallacy that books of this character are strong and virile, and persons of independent thought should read them. Doubtless some few are well written, but mostly they are weak and vicious.

Without doubt, the duty of writing an annual report would become monotonous, were it not that fresh inspiration comes with each lot of new books. A brief glance in review of our year's purchases may not be unprofitable. In exploration, give Shackleton first rank for heroism, persistence and splendid courage. If one looks for a more glowing scene turn to Furlong's "Gateway to the Sahara" with its vivid pictures of sea



coast, arid deserts and strange peoples; or, again, to Bingham's Crossing South American from Venezuela to Columbia over the route taken by Bolivar's army on that terrible march which led to the overthrow of Spanish power. In sociology, Fagan's manly, "Labor and the Railroads," will be of interest, while he who wishes to study the *foreigner* at close range can find nothing better than Steiner's "Immigrant Tide, its Ebb and Flow." Ferrero's "Greatness and Decline of Rome," is a work of vast importance to the student of history, who will also find a graphic picture of the great struggle between Russia and Japan in Kuropatkin's book. In biography, Frank Sanborn's "Recollections of Seventy Years," takes first rank, and is the life story of one who was foremost in the anti-slavery cause and knew intimately all the great leaders from John Brown to Garrison.

Stanley's Autobiography is the life record of a wonderful man who, from the lowest obscurity raised himself to fame and highest honors. A very charming book is the "Life of Lady Caroline Norton," whose domestic troubles stirred English society to its depths in the first part of the last century.

In fiction, our own authors stand well to the front in merit and popularity:—"The Chippendales," an excellent study of certain phases of Boston life, is perhaps too local to be of general interest. Marion Crawford's "White Sister," and "Stradella" made the last year of his life especially rich and fruitful. "The Silver Horde" by Rex Beach has had many admirers, and William Allen White's "A Certain Rich Man" fairly divides the honors with Hall Caine's "White Prophet." William Winter's "Old Friends" is written with all the fire and vigor of his younger days, while Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Journals" has its own large coterie of readers who worship at the shrine of the Concord sage. A frankly indecent book is easily dealt with, but there are others, innocent in the main but with a blemish on which the point of the story turns; the line of demarcation does not always show itself, but it is there without question. Two books recently appeared which were received

by many of the reviewers in flattering terms; the one under the guise of being independent is well written, but specious and insidious to a degree, false in its philosophy, false in morality, false in everything but its syntax. The other is so audaciously, unblushingly indecent that there was no hesitation in relegating it to where it belongs. Happily, in neither case was the author an American.

Death has been busy during the year with men in literary life. Two great writers of fiction, George Meredith and F. Marion Crawford have passed away. Both were eminent, and in some respects, the antitheses of each other. Mr. Meredith's life work had been accomplished and he was enjoying the reward of his literary labors and the regard of his contemporaries. Despite his cryptic style he had hosts of enthusiastic admirers, men and women of the highest culture, who will continue to read his books and revere his memory.

Mr. Crawford died while his powers were apparently unimpaired, and his splendid imagination undimmed. His was the art of the story-teller to perfection. His style was graphic, virile, limpid. His knowledge of Rome, Roman society and Roman family life was not equalled by any living writer. If he had left nothing but the *Saracenesca* stories, his place in literature would have been secure. To many his death will be regarded as a personal loss.

This passing glance takes in but a few of the many choice books added to our shelves during the year. The committee have tried to suit all tastes so far as the means at their disposal would allow. The members have faithfully discharged their duties, and the attendance at the monthly meetings has been most gratifying. The manner in which the work of the library has been carried on reflects the highest credit on the librarian, Mr. Osborn, whose directing hand is seen in the courtesy with which every patron is received, and his wants supplied.

Of the janitor, Mr. McKeen, only words of praise can be



spoken for his constant care and loyalty, and his readiness to serve at all times.

THOMAS CARROLL,  
Chairman.

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REPORT OF THE EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE  
LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
JANUARY 31, 1910.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY  
INSTITUTE:-

Your Committee, in the discharge of its duties during the past year, has, as far as possible, conducted the business of the Library in accordance with the policy and expressed wishes of its donor. Although at all times willing to make the most liberal interpretation of its rules so that its benefits might be available to all its patrons.

The increasing usefulness of this Library emphasizes the great merit of such worthy public benefactions. And its good work will continue through succeeding generations as a monument more enduring than the granite shaft or marble sarcophagus. For assuredly, no more ennobling thought can be conceived than the impulse to contribute generously to an institution designed for the public welfare.

In accordance with the suggestions made last year, the renovation of the interior of the Library will soon be accomplished. The original decoration of the ceiling is fairly well restored, and the entire work when finished, will make the interior of the Library more cheerful and attractive. The expense will be a heavy tax on the income of the Library for this year, but the necessity for the work was so apparent that the expenditure was considered imperative. It will, however, insure the Library for many years against any further outlay of this nature.

Last year the consultations showed a material increase over



the preceding year, and for the year just closed further gains are noted.

Among the accessions of the year are included Historical Digest of the Provincial Laws, Lynn in the Revolution, Assisi of St. Francis, Great Masters of Dutch and Flemish Painting, Birds of the World and History of North American Animals.

The work of the Librarian has been faithfully and efficiently performed and the patrons of the Library courteously treated and their requests cheerfully and promptly attended.

For the Committee,

P. H. O'CONOR, Chairman.

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#### REPORT OF THE LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

##### TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

A course of four lectures was arranged for the season of 1909—1910, costing \$210, police service \$8, and printing \$1.75, leaving a balance of \$5.25 from our allowance of \$225.

On account of Mr. Lochwitsky retiring from the lecture field, and cancelling his engagement with us, the Committee secured Ex-Governor Hoch of Kansas for the opening lecture. It was a departure from the custom of recent years to have a lecture that was not illustrated, but the Lecturer's personality, graphic word pictures and the masterly manner with which he handled his subject, left no desire for illustrations from the audience.

The lectures were well attended and generally satisfactory.

The Committee considered the valuable suggestions of the former Committee, as to fixing dates, pay, dealing direct with the lecturers and so forth, but as they were late in organizing the lecturers were secured through a Bureau, and proved very satisfactory.

The following was the course for the season:

Nov. 15, 1909.—Ex-Governor Hoch of Kansas. Subject, "A Message from Kansas."

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Dec. 9, 1909.—Edwin Alonzo Blake. Subject, "Fascinating Egypt."

Jan. 13, 1910.—Hubert S. Renton. Subject, "The Other Side of the World."

Feb. 10, 1910.—Capt. Chas. Mason Fuller. Subject, "The Evolution of the Battleship."

For the Committee,

RICHARD G. WARD, Chairman.

## READING ROOM COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

The Reading Room Committee herewith respectfully submit their report for the year ending January 31, 1910.

The average of attendance in this department of the Library, has not decreased during the year and the orderliness has improved.

No special changes have been made in the periodicals taken, except that of adding the following: American City, House Beautiful, Illuminating Engineer and Municipal Journal, the two last named being gifts. The Collegian discontinued publication and the American Homes and Gardens was dropped and the House Beautiful taken in its place, as being better adapted to the needs of the community.

FRANK TAYLOR, Chairman.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:—

The report of the Librarian of the Peabody Institute Library for the year ending January 31, 1910 is respectfully submitted.

The circulation, 38,596, compares with 44,258 in 1908—09 and 38,563 in 1907—08, and in spite of the decided decrease was the largest in the history of the library with the sole exception of last year. It is an axiom in library circles that industrial depressions are invariably times of marked increase in the use of library books, and our experience of the past two years is simply another proof of the correctness of the statement.

Except for the marked improvement in business in town, there is, so far as known, no other reason for the decrease.

In accordance with the recommendations in the last year's report there have been purchased during the past year a number of novels in French, and their use has been amply sufficient to justify the expenditure. When our funds permit, it would be well to do something in the way of adding small collections in some of the other modern European languages, in view of the present character of the population of our town.

During the past two years a good-sized collection of books for the assistance of foreigners desiring to learn the English language has been purchased, and the use of the collection shows that they have been thoroughly appreciated.

The policy has been continued of purchasing, as far as possible, popular Fiction in Chivers and publishers' reinforced bindings, and the wisdom of this course is now becoming apparent in our decreased bill for binding, which the past year amounted to \$289, as compared with \$376 in 1908—09, and \$379 in 1907—08, and this result was obtained notwithstanding



the fact that we bound last year more Periodicals and Pamphlets than ever before, and rebound 20 years of our early local Danvers, South Danvers and Peabody newspapers at an expense of about \$50, this latter item being a much needed improvement which the size of our binding bill has made it necessary to defer until the present year.

Work on the card catalog in the substituting of Library of Congress printed cards for the old undersized written cards is going steadily on, and more than half the volumes in the library previous to 1898 have already been recataloged, it being understood, of course, that everything added since that date has been cataloged either by printed Library of Congress or type-written standard cards.

While desultory work is always going on upon the shelf-lists, this year for the first time a systematic beginning was made upon the work of rewriting and bringing the entire set of lists up to present standard, and something over 200 of these shelf-lists, representing between 5,000 and 6,000 books have been rewritten; the continuation of this work for another year will, it is believed, put the entire collection in such shape that the occasional rewriting of a sheet here and there will keep it in good condition indefinitely.

It was stated in last year's report that the circulation of books through the West Peabody Delivery Station was steadily decreasing, and the latter part of the past year it had fallen so low as to render its maintenance unwarrantable, and it was consequently discontinued in December.

It has been heretofore suggested that a Delivery Station in South Peabody might be well patronized, and it may be well the coming year to look the ground over with a view to establishing one in that section if it seems warrantable.

Our membership in the Library Art Club has been continued, and the following exhibitions have been given:

Works of Velasquez,  
Walter Crane, (first series),

Feb. 2-22  
Feb. 23-March 15

Mexico,	March 16-April 5
Hundred famous men,	April 6-26
Famous pictures (first series),	May 4-24
Greece, (first series),	June 15-July 5
Shakespeare, (third series)	July 6-26
Yosemite Valley,	July 27-Aug. 16
Eighteenth century color prints,	Aug. 17-Sept. 6
Southern coast of England,	Sept. 14-Oct. 4
Ireland,	Oct. 5-25
Old Boston,	Oct. 26-Nov. 15
English photogravures,	Nov. 23-Dec. 13
Works of Millet,	Dec. 14-Jan. 3
Medici family in Florence,	Jan. 4-24

The landscape collections, as might be supposed, have been the most popular, those on Ireland, Yosemite Valley and the Southern coast of England proving especially so. The collections of pictures belonging to the Club have so increased that we have been able to have views on exhibition practically the entire year, as will be seen by the above dates.

The faithful work and co-operation of the assistants and of our janitor, Mr. McKeen, deserves and is here accorded hearty recognition.

Statistics in the usual form, showing in detail the work of the library for the year are hereto appended.

LYMAN P. OSBORN.

## CLASSIFICATION AND CIRCULATION

	Vols. in Library Feb. 1., 1909	Added	With- drawn	Vols. in Library Jan. 31, 1910	Vols. Circu- lated	Per cent of Circu- lation
Law, Social Science,						
Philosophy, Religion,						
Public Documents,	6,353	95	3	6,445	545	1.4
Description and Travel,	3,110	58	3	3,165	810	2.1
History,	3,855	44	3	3,896	886	2.3
Biography,	4,201	67	1	4,267	719	1.8
Science and Arts,	4,704	99	7	4,796	1,678	4.3
Poetry and Drama,	1,824	12	1	1,835	338	.9

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General Literature	10,651	167	1	10,817	1,832	4.6
including Periodicals,	8,564	289	128	8,725	31,788	82.6
Fiction,						
	<u>43,262</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>43,946</u>	<u>38,596</u>	<u>100.</u>

## ACCESSIONS.

Volumes in library, February 1, 1909,	43,262
Purchased,	582
Periodicals, bound from numbers,	128
Pamphlets bound,	31
Gifts of United States Government,	24
Gift of State of Massachusetts,	36
Gifts of individuals and institutions,	30
	<u>831</u>

## DEDUCTIONS

Withdrawn,	147
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Net gain,	684
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Volumes in library, Jan. 31, 1910,	43,946

## SUNDRY STATISTICS.

Days the library was open,	305
Circulation,	38,596
Average per day,	127
Largest circulation, Feb. 27, 1909,	309
Smallest circulation, Aug. 17, 1909,	44
Volumes rebound,	242
Fines collected,	\$119.71
Borrowers' cards in force, Jan. 31, 1910,	4,200
Increase during present year,	363



## DONORS OF BOUND VOLUMES.

State of Massachusetts,	36 vols.
United States Government,	24 "
Atlas-Portland Cement Co., New York City,	3 "
Hill, W. H., Peabody,	3 "
Dinsmore, Emmet, New York City,	2 "
Mass. Historical Society, Boston,	2 "
Osborn, Lyman P., Peabody,	2 "
Town of Peabody,	2 "
American-Irish Historical Society, Boston,	1 vol.
Casson, Herbert N., Chicago,	1 "
P. A. Collins Memorial Association, Boston,	1 "
Colonial Fireplace Co., New York City,	1 "
Connecticut, State of,	1 "
Farnsworth, E. C., Portland, Me.,	1 "
Griswold, S. M., Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1 "
Ingraham, J. F., Peabody,	1 "
Library Bureau, Boston,	1 "
Jacobsen Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill.,	1 "
Moore, J. H., Philadelphia, Pa.,	1 "
Pope, C. H., Boston,	1 "
Ray, M. T., Peabody,	1 "
Southern Pacific Co., New York City,	1 "
Theosophical Society, Peabody Branch,	1 "
Towle Man'f'g. Co., Newburyport,	1 "

## PERIODICALS IN THE READING ROOM.

## DAILY.

Boston Daily Globe.  
Daily Consular and Trade Reports.

## WEEKLY.

American Machinist,	London Times,
Commercial Bulletin,	Metal Worker,

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Electrical World,	Nation,
Forest and Stream,	Outlook,
Harper's Weekly,	Saturday Evening Post,
Hide and Leather,	Scientific American,
Journal of Education,	Scientific American Supplement,
Leslie's Weekly,	Woman's Journal,
Littell's Living Age,	Youth's Companion.

## FORTNIGHTLY.

Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry.  
Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

## MONTHLY.

Ainslee's	Ladies' Home Journal,
American Boy,	Leather Manufacturer,
American City,	Lippincott's
American Illustrated Magazine,	McClure's
American Journal of Science,	Men and Women,
American Naturalist,	Municipal Journal,
Atlantic Monthly,	Munsey's
Blacksmith and Wheelwright,	New England Magazine,
Bookkeeper,	Nineteenth Century,
Bookman,	North American Review,
Carpentry and Building,	Out West,
Catholic World,	Outing,
Century,	Pearson's
Circle,	Popular Science Monthly,
Cornhill,	Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature,
Cosmopolitan,	Reliable Poultry Journal,
Country Life in America,	Review of Reviews,
Delineator,	Rhodora,
Education,	St. Nicholas,
Electrician and Mechanic,	School Arts Book,

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Engineering Magazine	Scribner's
Everybody's	Strand,
Forum,	Success,
Garden Magazine,	System,
Good Housekeeping,	Technical World,
Harper's Bazar,	Travel,
Harper's Monthly,	Tri-state Tourist,
House Beautiful,	Woman's Home Companion,
Illuminating Engineer,	World's Work.
International Studio,	

## BI-MONTHLY.

Bird Lore,	Methodist Review.
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## QUARTERLY.

American Historical Review,	Political Science Quarterly.
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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE EBEN DALE SUTTON  
REFERENCE LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING JANUARY 31, 1910.

## CONSULTATIONS.

Natural History,	224
Art,	176
London News,	64
Encyclopedias,	62
History,	47
Historical Costumes,	36
Dictionaries,	34
Genealogy,	31
Country Life,	30
Punch,	29
Description and Travel,	15
Architecture,	15
Poetry	9
Geography,	9
English Literature,	8



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Biography	7
Greek Classics,	4
Science,	2
Botany,	1
Miscellaneous,	7
Number of consultations,	\$10
Number of visitors,	241

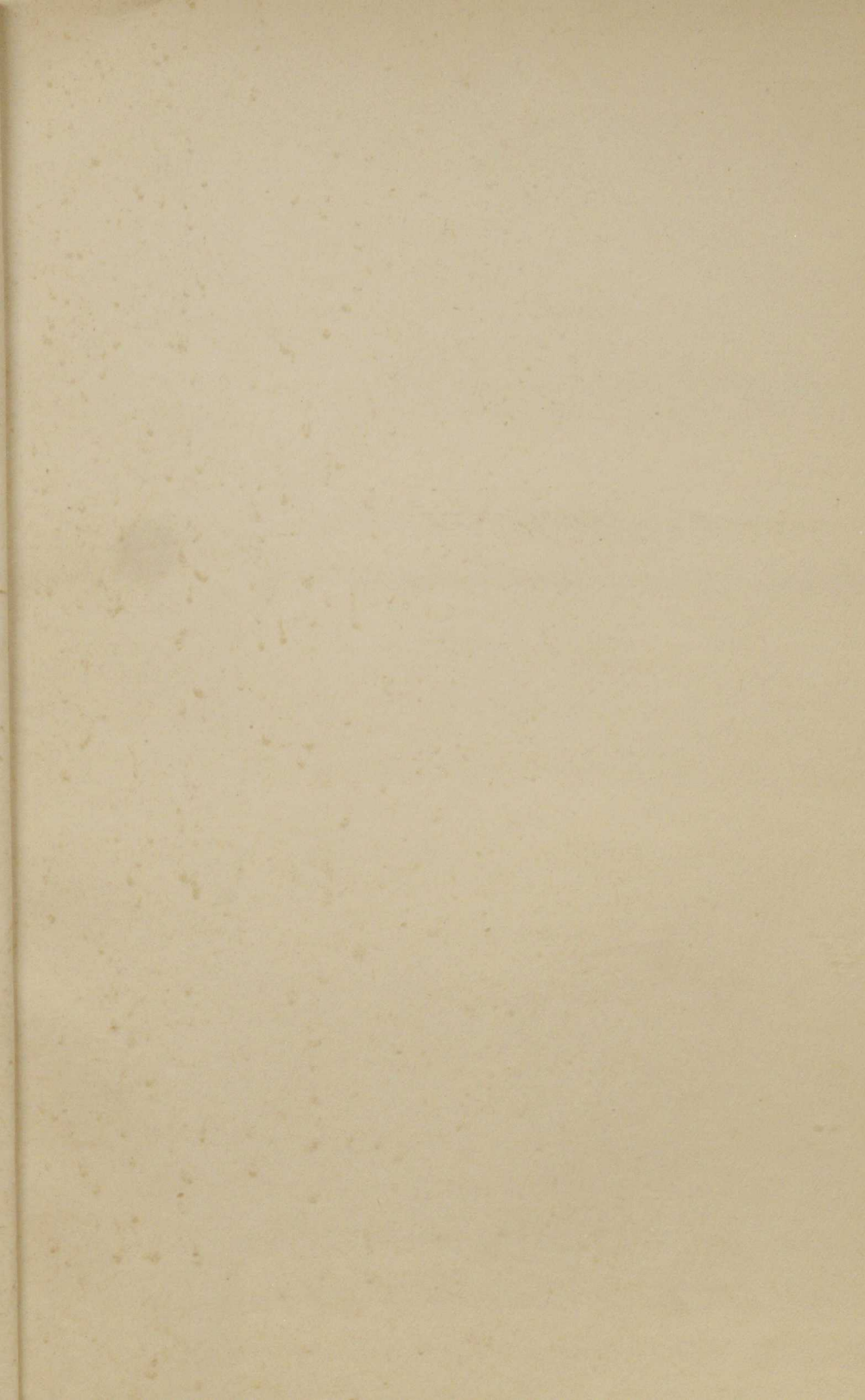
## ACCESSIONS.

Volumes in library, February 1, 1909		4,097
Purchased,	54	
Periodicals bound from numbers,	11	
Gifts of United States Government,	1	66
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Volumes in library, January 31, 1910,		4,163

## PERIODICALS IN THE LIBRARY.

Bibliotheca Sacra.  
 Country Life in America.  
 Essex Antiquarian.  
 Essex Institute Historical Collections.  
 Illustrated London News.  
 New England Historical and Genealogical Register.  
 Notes and Queries.  
 Punch.

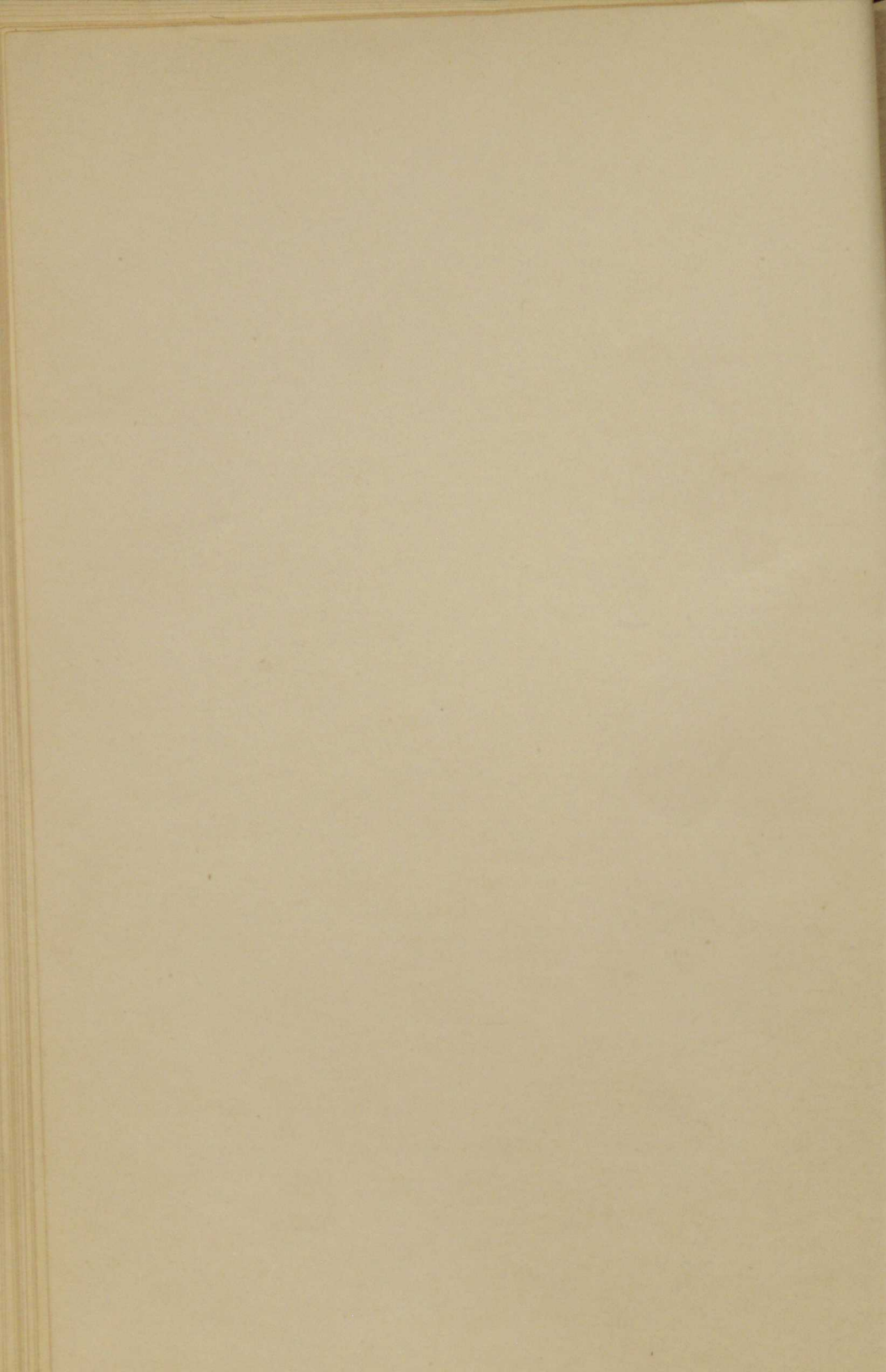
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